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REPORT

THE LEEK RURAL AREA extends over 63,960 acres. It is divided into 23 parishes. The population, as estimated by the Registrar-General was 15,970 in 1937, compared to 15,830 in 1936. The main occupations are farming and mining.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1937 was 4,258, as against 4,152 in 1936.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1937.

<i>Live-Births.</i>	M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate...	105	79	184
Illegitimate	4	4	8
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	109	83	192
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Birth-rate per 1,000 of population—13·9

<i>Still-Births.</i>	M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate...	5	8	13
Illegitimate	0	1	1
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	5	9	14
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Rate per 1,000 total Births—62·7

<i>Deaths.</i>	M.	F.	Total.
	100	94	194

Death-rate per 1,000 of the population—12·27

Deaths from Puerperal causes—Nil

Death-rate of Infants under 1 Year.

All Infants per 1,000 Live-births—22·4.

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Live-births—17·9.

Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Live-births—4·4.

Deaths from Measles—Nil.

Deaths from Whooping Cough—Nil

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2)—Nil.

TUBERCULOSIS

11 new cases of Tuberculosis have been notified, 9 pulmonary and 2 non-pulmonary. The age distribution was :—

Age Periods	NEW CASES				Total	DEATHS				Total
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary			
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
Under 1										
1 to 5			1 ... 1		2	...		... 1	1	
5 „ 10	...		...			...		...
10 „ 15	...		...			...		...
15 „ 20	...	1	...		1	...		...
20 „ 25	1 ... 1		...		2	2 ... 2		...	4	
25 „ 35	1 ... 3		...		4	...		...
35 „ 45	...		...			...		...
45 „ 55	1 ...		...		1	... 1		...	1	
55 „ 65	1 ...		...		1	...		...
Over 65	..		...			...		...
TOTAL ..	4 ... 5		1 ... 1		11	2 ... 3		... 1	6	

The following is the notification of Infectious Diseases amongst the children attending the schools in the district. In the age period 5—15, the school age, there were 3 deaths.

January—Influenza — Wetton, Warslow, Thorncliffe, Baddeley Green, Quarnford, Brownedge, Rushton, Bradnop, Norton-in-the-Moors, Bagnall, Norton Green, Endon, Meerbrook, Horton, Butterton, Onecote, Grindon, Longnor, Ramshaw, Elkstones, Biddulph Moor, Hollinsclough.

Mumps—Alstonefield.

February—Influenza—Grindon, Baddeley Green, Longnor, Hollinsclough, Butterton, Meerbrook, Elkstones, Norton Green, Endon, Heaton, Rushton, Brownedge, Onecote, Ramshaw.

March— Chickenpox--Wetton.

Mumps—Baddeley Green, Alstonefield.

April— Influenza—Longsdon.

Whooping Cough—Horton.

Mumps—Bagnall.

Chickenpox— Reapsmoor.

May— Whooping Cough — Norton Green, Sheen Warslow.

Chickenpox—Reapsmoor, Longnor.

June— Whooping Ceugh—Rushton, Warslow, Baddeley Green, Swythamley.

July— Chickenpox—Brownedge.

Whooping Cough—Quarnford, Norton Green.

Measles—Norton Green Brownedge.

September—Measles—Longsdon, Baddeley Green.

Whooping Congh—Warslow, Longsdon

Chickenpox —Baddeley Green.

Diphtheria—Alstonefield

Mumps—Sheen, Longnor.

Scarlet Fever—Baddeley Green

The Hospitals available for the district are the North Staffordshire Infirmary, the Leek Memorial Cottage Hospital, the Leek Union Infirmary, the Smallpox Hospital at Bagnall, and the Leek Isolation Hospital.

During 1937, 25 cases of Scarlet Fever and 4 case of Diphtheria were sent to Leek Isolation Hospital. There were no deaths.

The Tuberculosis Officer attends at Norton and Leek weekly.

We take advantage of the facilities provided by the Staffordshire County Council for bacteriological examination, especially in cases of suspected Diphtheria, Tuberculosis, and Veneral Disease.

The Sanitary Staff of the Council consists of the M.O.H., the Sanitary Inspector, one Junior Student assistant Sanitary Inspector, who was added in August, and a cleansing Superintendent for 3 parishes and parts of 2 other parishes.

The Senior Inspector holds the Certificate of the Sanitary Institute.

H. KELSO WATSON.

Table I—Leek Rural District.

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1937, AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Population estimated to middle of each year.	Un-corrected Number.	Births.		Total Deaths Registered in the District.		Transferable Death		Nett Deaths belonging to the District.				
		Number.	Nett.	Number.	Rate.	Number.	Rate.	Under 1 Year of Age.		At all Ages.		
								of Non-Residents not registered in the District.	of Residents registered in the District.	Number.	Rate per 1,000	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1931	15110	261	261	17·02	131	8·6	3	42	15	57·4	170	11·2
1932	15580	250	283	16·7	141	9·05	12	41	11	42·1	170	10·9
1933	15980	199	198	12·4	143	8·9	6	48	22	110·5	185	11·4
1934	15651	224	245	15·6	159	10·1	7	38	8	320·6	185	11·5
1935	15640	229	235	15·2	121	7·7	9	49	13	55·3	161	10·29
1936	15830	250	289	18·2	133	7·4	2	58	18	65·01	189	11·87
1937	15970	192	223	13·9	153	9·5	10	41	5	22·4	184	12·27

* Rates in Columns 5, 7, and 13, calculated per 1000 of estimated population.

NOTE.—The deaths to be included in column 6 of this table are the whole of those registered during the year as having actually occurred within the district or division. The deaths to be included in column 12 are the number in column 6, corrected by the subtraction of the number in column 8 and the addition of the number in Column 9.

Area of District in acres (land)
and inland water } 63,960

Total population at all ages ... 15970
Number of Inhabited Houses ... 4258

Table II—Leek Rural District.

Cases of infectious Disease notified during the year 1937.

Notifiable Disease	At all Ages	Cases Notified in Whole District					Total Cases notified in Each Locality		No. of Cases Re- moved to Hospi- tal	Deaths in Hospital
		Under 1	1 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 65	Norton- in-the- Moors District upwards	Endon and Bagnall District		
Smallpox ...	8									
Diphtheria and Membranous Croup ...	4		2	6			1	3	4	4
Erysipelas ...										
Scarlet Fever ...										
Typhoid Fever ...										
Puerperal Fever ...										
Ophthalmia										
Neonatorum ...										
Malaria ...										
Pneumonia ...	14	1	3	2	3	5				
Encephalitis										
Lethargica ...										
Puerperal Sepsis ...										
Pellionymelitis ...										
Tuberculosis ...	11				2	3	6			
Tubercular Meningitis ...										
Totals	67	1	14	21	13	18			35	29

Table III—Leek Rural District

CAUSE OF DEATH	1	2	All ages								10
			Under 1	1 and under 2	2 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards	
Enteric Fever	...	...							
Smallpox	...	...							
Measles	...	...							
Scarlet Fever	...	...							
Whooping Cough	...	...							
Diphtheria	...	...							
Influenza	...	3				1			1	1	
Encephalitis Lethargica	...										
Meningitis	...										
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	5						3	1	1		
Other Tuberculous Diseases	1			1							
Cancer, Malignant Disease	15						1	1	5	8	
Rheumatism	...										
Rheumatic Fever	...	3				1	1	1			
Diabetes	...	1								1	
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	22								7	15	
Heart Disease	29						1	2	9	17	
Arterio Sclerosis	13								1	12	
Bronchitis	7							1	2	4	
Pneumonia (all forms)	21	1	1	1	1		3	6	8		
Other Respiratory Diseases	5								3	2	
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	1									1	
Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years)	...										
Appendicitis and Typhlitis	...										
Cirrhosis of Liver	...										
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	3								2	1	
Puerperal Sepsis	...										
Other Accidents and Diseases of											
Pregnancy and Parturition	...										
Congenital Debility and Malformation, Premature Birth	4	4									
Suicide	2									2	
Other Deaths from Violence	14				3	1	4	4	2		
Other Defined Diseases	15			1	1	1	2	2	8		
Causes ill-defined or unknown	...										
Senile Decay	...	20							20		
Totals	..	184	5	1	3	7	8	15	43	102	

Table IV.—Leek Rural District

1937—INFANT MORTALITY.

Net Deaths from stated Causes at various Ages under One Year of Age.

CAUSE OF DEATH.		Under 1 Week.		1-2 Weeks.		2-3 Weeks.		3-4 Weeks.		Total under 1 month.		1-3 Months.		3-6 Months.		6-9 Months.		9-12 Months.		Total Deaths under 1 Year.	
Smallpox	..	..																	
Chickenpox	..	..																	
Measles	..	..																	
Scarlet Fever	..	..																	
Whooping Cough	..	..																	
Diphtheria, Croup	..	..																	
Erysipelas	..	..																	
Abdominal Tuberculosis	..	..																	
Other Tuberculous Diseases																					
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis																					
Meningitis (Not Tuberculous)																					
Convulsions	..	..																	
Influenza	..	..																	
Laryngitis	..	..																	
Bronchitis	..	..																	
Pneumonia, all forms	..	..																	
Diarrhoea	..	..																	
Enteritis	..	..																	
Gastritis	..	..																	
Syphilis	..	..																	
Rickets	..	..																	
Suffocation, overlying	..	..																	
Injury at Birth	..	..																	
Atelectasis	..	..																	
Congenital Malformations	..	..				1															
Premature Birth	..	..			3																
Atrophy, Debility, and Marasmus	..	..																	
Accident	..	..																	
Other Causes	..	..																	
Ill-defined Diseases	..	..																	
Congenital Debility	..	..																	
Grand Totals	..	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5			

TABLE V.
Causes of Death in Leek Rural District, 1937

CAUSES OF DEATH		Males	Females
		100	94
ALL CAUSES			
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers			
Measles ...	...	
Scarlet Fever ...	...	
Whooping Cough ...	...	
Diphtheria ...	...	
Influenza ...	...	5	2
Encephalitis Lethargica ...	...	
Cerebro-Spinal Fever ...	...	
Tuberculosis of respiratory system ...	...	2	3
Other Tuberculous Diseases ...	...		2
Syphilis ...	...	
General paralysis of the insane, tabes dorsalis ...	...	2	
Cancer, malignant disease ...	...	6	9
Diabetes ...	...	1	
Cerebral Haemorrhage, &c ...	...	5	9
Heart Disease ...	...	34	32
Aneurysm ...	...	
Other circulatory diseases ...	...	4	3
Bronchitis ...	...		2
Pneumonia (all forms) ...	...	9	3
Other Respiratory Diseases ...	...	2	
Peptic Ulcer ...	...	1	1
Diarrhoea, &c. (under 2 years) ...	...	
Appendicitis ...	...	1	
Cirrhosis of Liver ...	...	
Other diseases of liver, etc ...	...	2	1
Other digestive diseases ...	...	1	3
Acute and chronic Nephritis ...	...		2
Puerperal Sepsis ...	...	
Other puerperal causes ...	...	
Congenital Debility and malformation, premature birth, etc ...	...	3	1
Senility ...	...	2	8
Suicide ...	...	1	1
Other violence ...	...	10	4
Other defined diseases ...	...	9	6
Causes ill-defined or unknown ...	...		2
Special Causes (included in No. 35 above)	...		
Smallpox ...	...	
Poliomyelitis ...	...	
Polioencephalitis ...	...	
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	{ Total ... Legitimate ... Illegitimate ...	4 4 1	1 1 1
Live Births	{ Total ... Legitimate ... Illegitimate ...	124 122 2	99 92 7
Stillbirths	{ Total ... Legitimate ... Illegitimate ...	5 5 1	9 8 1
POPULATION (for Births and Deaths) ...	...	15,970	

General Register Office,
Somerset House,

April, 1938.

London, W.C. 2.

Table VI.—Birth-rates, Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Death-rates and Case-rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1937.

England and Wales, London, 125 Great Towns and 148 Smaller Towns

(Provisional Figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns)

	England and Wales	125 County Boroughs and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Popula- tions 25000 to 50000 at 1931 Census)	London Adminis- trative County
Rates per 1000 Population				
Births :—				
Live	14·9	14·9	15·3	13·3
Still	0·60	0·67	0·64	0·54
Deaths :—				
All Causes	12·4	12·5	11·9	12·3
Typhoid and Para- Typhoid Fevers ...	0·00	0·01	0·00	0·00
Smallpox	0·02	0·03	0·02	0·01
Measles	0·01	0·01	0·01	0·01
Scarlet Fever ...	0·04	0·04	0·03	0·06
Whooping Cough ...	0·07	0·08	0·05	0·05
Diphtheria	0·45	0·39	0·42	0·38
Influenza	0·54	0·45	0·42	0·51
Violence				
Notifications :—				
Smallpox	0·00		0·00	
Scarlet Fever ...	2·33	2·56	2·42	2·09
Diphtheria	1·49	1·81	1·38	1·93
Enteric Fever ...	0·05	0·06	0·04	0·05
Erysipelas	0·37	0·43	0·34	0·44
Pneumonia	1·36	1·58	1·20	1·18
Rates per 1000 Live Births				
Deaths under 1 year of age	58	63	55	66
Deaths from Diarrhoea } and Enteritis under } 2 years of age	5·8	7·9	3·2	12·0
Maternal Mortality :—				
Puerperal Sepsis ...	0·97	} Not Available		
Others	2·26			
Total	3·23			
Maternal Mortality :—				
Puerperal Sepsis ...	0·94	} Not Available		
Others	2·17			
Total	3·11			
Notifications :—				
Puerperal Fever ...	13·93	17·59	11·52	4·15
Puerperal Pyrexia ...				14·34

SIDE-LIGHTS TO HEALTH IN RURAL DISTRICTS.

PRESERVATION OF RURAL SCENERY is happily developing.

SEE CAMPING SITES.—By the application of Section 269, and sub sections (in Public Health Act, 1936) (inclusive) it will be possible for Local Authorities to exercise judicious control of Camping Sites (varied as necessary) applicable to Rural Features and Zoned areas.

Refuse still disfigures and pollutes many Rural roads and lanes—offenders are liable to prosecution.

AMPLE PROVISION OF PURE WATER is one of the greatest needs for the good health of every person, as where such is very limited, Cleanliness and Health are greatly jeopardised.

Rural Districts cannot possibly attain all Urban facilities.

The growing appreciation of Sanitation (see removals of House refuse inclusive) raises attendant problems for finance resources and administration.

SAFE SEWAGE DISPOSAL is of vital importance, especially in areas without properly piped domestic water supply. The possibilities of pollution through streams, springs, eventually wells, is a matter receiving close attention, and abatement.

This year has seen the completion of a modern Sewerage scheme, catering for the major portion of developing areas in the Parish of Norton-in-the-Moors.

Conversions of Privies will duly follow

Where Septic and Filtering Chambers are attached to House Drains periodic renewal and aeration of "filtering media" should receive systematic attention

Harmless chemicals may be procured for clarifying effluents from cesspools and septic tanks.

Where Housing develops, liability (for trespass, or damage occurring by reason of cesspools being neglected emptying) rests with the offenders. To save emptying, people have frequently connected their House drains cesspools to field drains, this is a dangerous practice (often polluting water) creating a nuisance by running into a ditch, and renders such persons liable to prosecution.

THE MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER, 1926.

Farmers and Cowkeepers indifferent to Approved methods of Lighting, Ventilating, Paving and Drainage of Shippsons, must eventually be prevented from disposing of milk for human food.

All Dairymen and Dairying Shippsons must be registered Milk Houses and Refrigerators are necessary to all Dairy-farms, and on changing tenancy must re-register.

The approved method for cooling Milk is through a Refrigerator.

All Dairying utensils must be sterilized. Cleanliness is far from general among milk producers and dairymen. From experience since 1926, many never will be fit to handle milk or its products for human consumption (positively hopeless), and should be segregated to tend swine.

As a guide to improve bad conditions, the following should be adopted-

1. Lights area total equal to one twelfth of floor area.
2. Ventilation :— Clear openings (to external air) total to equal one twenty-fourth of floor area.

Open Hopper lights to windows (provide vents) at the front and rear of Shippsons, give through air current.

Query :—Light or Vent “gauged per cow” does not calculate for varying dimensions of Shippsons, hence ;—One would be well lighted, while cubically too limited, *vice-versa* :—Might be detrimentally spacious yet lack necessary vent and light.

If a standard as to cubic capacity of Shippsons, were adopted (throughout the country)—see “Byelaws for Dwellings” also Demolitions) practical uniformity could be attained. Officials and Dairymen inclusive would then toe a defined line.

3. Impervious (cement concrete) floors evenly laid for draining liquid on to Trapped Gullies (fixed in open air) piped to discharge at a safe distance to prevent any nuisance of pollution.

No Structural alterations or new Shippsons must be executed previous to receiving approval.

Open jointed floors are not allowed to remain in old Lofts, and where possible, heights from Shippon floor should be not less than eight feet six inches.

Lofts are not approved for new Shippsons.

Limewashing of all Shippsons is Necessary and Compulsory at least twice every year, once during April or May and once during September or October.

Coating Walls with Pitch and Tar to a height of four feet six inches (4ft. 6ins.) at the rear of Standings prevents absorption of liquid gives, a smooth washable surface and aids disinfection.

Failing compliance with :— Milk and Dairies Order 1926, or neglecting to register with the “Local Authority in which Dairy, or Dairy Premises (including Shippsons) are situated will necessitate stopping disposal of Milk, intended for Human consumption, and Prosecution of Offenders.”

NOTE.—Evaporated breath of cows in liquid form saturating walls of Shippsons shut up without sufficient ventilation.

G. R. HEWLETT.

Staffordshire County Council.**TABLE VII**

SUMMARY of SANITARY WORK done in the Sanitary Inspector's Department during the year 1936, in the Rural District of Leek.

	Number of Inspect- ions and Observ- ations made	Defects found	Abatement Notices		Nuisances Aba- ted after notice by	
			Inform- al by In- spector	Formal by Au- thority	Inspect- or	Author- ity
Foul Conditions ...	7	7	7		7	
Structural Defects ...	11	5	5		5	
Dwelling-houses and Schools ...	41	27	27		27	
Dairies { } 240	390	124			124	
Cowsheds { }						
Bakehouses	0	0	0		0	
Slaughter-houses	62	3	3		3	
Ashpits and Privies	206	37	37		37	
Deposits of Refuse and Manure	5	5	5		5	
Water Closets	3	3	3		3	
House Drainage {						
Defective Traps	2	2	2		2	
No Disconnection	7	7	7		7	
Other Faults	15	15	15		15	
Water Supply	67	47	47		47	
Pigstys	4	1	1		1	
Animals improperly kept	0	0	0		0	
Offensive Trades	3	1	1		1	
Smoke Nuisances	1	1	1		1	
Other Nuisances	0	0	0		0	
TOTALS ...	674	551	285		285	

Unwhole- some food	{ Number of Seizures ...	..	...	...	...	...
	Condemned by Magistrates ...	...	...	...	...	Nil
	Prosecutions for exposing for sale ...	...	...	...	...
	Convictions ditto ditto...	...	...	...	...
Food and Drugs Act	{ Samples taken for Analysis ...	...	...	...	...
	Number found Adulterated, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	Nil
	Proceedings taken ...	...	...	...	...
	Number of Convictions ...	...	...	...	...
	Samples of Water taken for Analysis ...	...	...	...	...	9
	Samples of Water condemned as unfit for use ...	...	...	...	...	2
Precautions against infectious disease						
	Lots of Infected Bedding Disinfected or Destroyed ...	...	...	...	...	2
	Houses Disinfected after Infectious Disease... ...	...	...	...	...	47
	Prosecutions for not Notifying Existence of Infectious Disease					
	Convictions ditto ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	Nil
	Prosecutions for Exposure of Infected Persons or things ...	...	...	...	...
	Convictions ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	

NOTE.—When an Inspection or Notice embraces more than one defect, it may be enumerated separately as regards each such defect.

Signed Geo. Rd. Hewlett,
Sanitary Inspector.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1936, for the Rural District of Leek.

Factories, Workshops, Workplaces, and Homework.

1.—INSPECTION.

(Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecutions
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	11		
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)	4		
Workshops (other than Outworkers' Premises included part 3 of this Report)			
Total	15		

2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Particulars	Number of Defects.			Number of Prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—</i>				
Want of Cleanliness	0	0	0	0
Want of ventilation				
Overcrowding				
Want of drainage of floors... ...				
Other nuisances				
*Sanitary accommodation	insufficient... unsuitable or defective not separate for sexes	0 0 See foot note	0 0 0	0 0 0
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts :—</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (S. 101)		None		
Breach of special sanitary requirements for bakehouses (SS 97 to 100)		None		
Other offences		None		
(Excluding offences relating to outwork which are included in Part 3 of this Report)				
Total	0	0	0	0

*Sec. 22 of the Public Health Acts, Amendment Act, 1890, has been adopted, but no standard has been fixed by the Council.

3.-Home Work

Wearing Apparel—

(1) making, &c.	...	...
(2) cleaning and washing	...	...
Lace , lace curtains and nets	...	...
Furniture and Upholstery	...	...
Fur pulling	...	...
Umbrellas	...	...
Paper Bags and Boxes	...	...
Brush making	...	...
Stuffed Toys	...	...
File making	...	...
Electro Plate	...	...
Cables and Chains
Anchors and Grapnels
Locks Latches and Keys
Cart Gear

TOTAL

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* If an occupier gives out work of more than one of the classes specified in column 1, and subdivides his list in such a way that each class of work, the list should be included among those in column 2 (or 4 as the case may be) against the principal trade.

4—Registered Workshops.

5—Other Matters

Number	of	Workshops	on the	Register	(s.	131)	at the	end	of									
the year	(1)	the year	(1)	the year	(1)	the year	(1)	the year	(1)									
Important	classes	of	workshops	such as	workshop	blackhouses,	may	be	enumerated									
here.	{	{	{	{	{	{	{	{	Total number of workshops on Register ...	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43

Number	Class.	Number	(1)	(2)
			Matters notified to H.M. Inspector of Factories :—	
			Failure to affix Abstract of the Factory and Workshop Acts (s. 133, 1901) ...	
			Action taken in matters referred by H.M. Inspector H.M. Inspector as remediable under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 5 1901)	Notified by Reports of action taken sent to H.M. Inspector
			Other ... ... ...	... ... ...
			Underground Bakhouses (s. 101) :—	
			Certificates granted during the year ...	... ...
			In use at the end of the year

May, 1936.

(Signature) M. Aelso Wilson

Medical Officer of Health

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annually to the Secretary of State (Home Office), subject to the approval of the Local Authorities concerned, and to send a copy of his annual report, or so much of it as deals with this subject, to the Home Office.

The Annual Reports are presented otherwise than in print, it is unnecessary to include in the copy sent to the Home Office the portions which do not relate to factories, workshops, memorandums of March, 1912.

The Home Office under the Act of 1901 are detailed in the Home Office Memorandums of March, 1912.

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HOUSING CONDITIONS

STATISTICS.

Year ending December, 1937.

Year 1937

I.—GENERAL.

1. Number of dwelling-houses of all classes ...	... 4258
2. Number of working-class dwelling-houses ...	... 2791
3. Number of new working-class houses erected	... 116
4. Temporary dwellings ... ... ...	... 0
5. Villas ... ... ...	... 2

2.—UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES

I.—INSPECTION.

1. Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	286
2. Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910	63
3. Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	4
4. Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation...	37

II. REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers

49

III.—ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

(a) Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919.

1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	24
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2. Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit	
--	--

(a) by owners	...
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	...

24
0

3. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders become operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close
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0

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	49
2. Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied :—			
(a) by owners	...	...	49
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	...	...

C.—Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909

1. Number of representations made with a view to making of Closing Orders	...	...	0
2. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	0
3. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit.	...	...	0
4. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	..	..	0
5. Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders...	...	...	0

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:

A.—Proceedings under sections 17, 18 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930 :

Total number of dwelling-houses inspected	...	76
1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	48	
2. Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—		
(a) by owners	...	48
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	...	0

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	0
2. Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—			
(a) by owners	...	...	104
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	0

C.—Proceedings under sections 19 and 21 of the Housing Act, 1930 :

1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	0
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2.	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	o
D.—Proceedings under section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930 :			
1.	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	... ... ... ...	o
2.	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...	o
E.—Proceedings under section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 :			
1.	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	o
2.	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—		
	(a) by owners	... ... ...	o
	(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	... ... ...	o
3.	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners o intention to close	... ... ...	o
3.—UNHEALTHY AREAS			
Areas represented to the Local Authority with a view to Improvement Schemes under (a), Part I., or (b), Part II, of the Act of 1890 :—			
1.	Name of Area	... ... ...
2.	Acreage	... ... ...
3.	Number of working-class houses in area		
4.	Number of working-class persons to be displaced	... ... ...
			None
4.—Number of houses not complying with the building bye-laws erected with consent of Local Authority under section 25 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919 ..			o
N B.—During the year, plans for 110 houses plus 74 varying alterations and extensions were approved. Each entailing not less than 3 consecutive inspections, viz. :—			
1.	Foundations and Damp Course		
2.	Drains and Spouting		
3.	Final on completion which insures water provision previous to occupation.		
Where irregularities occur, additional inspections are essential to secure satisfactory conditions.			

In addition to above—any alteration or repairs to old "House Drains" are inspected when possible,

To insure sound buildings, licences should be instituted for persons trading as builders, such persons should have served years in learning the various branches of the building trade. Controlled with Byelaws and adequate supervision.

Town Planning although operative (more or less affected by uninitiated control) in some instances tends to misuse of "sites" set hopelessly for (securing) commercial and public social services inclusive, or accord with varying local amenities.

5.—Staff engaged with, briefly, the duties of each officer. A junior (student) assistant in Housing and Sanitary Inspector's department was engaged in August (also a cleansing Superintendant over contractors in the Parishes of Norton-in-the-Moors, Bagnall, Endon and Stanley, and parts of Horton and Longsdon, with the Council's Surveyor, (Certified Sanitary Inspector).

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